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Coffee Cart debuts in KL Lobby



A [coffee and snack cart](#) is now available in the Kresge Library Lobby weekdays from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Fresh regular and decaf coffee is available along with bagels, doughnuts and other snacks. Stop by, check it out and enjoy the convenience of not having to go out in the cold.

FirstSearch Changes

Frequent searchers may have noticed that the number of FirstSearch databases available has decreased. This came about because a state grant that provided the large number of databases expired and many of the databases were not renewed due to the funding shortfall.

However, Oakland will continue to have access to the most heavily used FirstSearch databases through AccessMichigan. In addition, the library has purchased access to

databases that are not included in the AccessMichigan agreement. The subscription databases include ABIInform (business), MLA (literature) PerAbs (full text of articles on all topics), PsycInfo (psychology database going back to 1887) and SocAbs (sociology). OU users also may search the following databases on a per-search basis. The Library will be charged 67 cents for each search in: AHSearch (Arts and Humanities Citation Index), DissAbs (Dissertation Abstracts), EconLit (economics) and PAIS (governmental and foreign affairs).

Carpeting Project

The recarpeting of the library is underway and proceeding apace. Regular library users will no doubt remember that the library was recarpeted just a few years ago. Unfortunately the material that was used then did not stand up well to the normal wear and tear of library users and the company is replacing it, at no cost, with the new blue/gray carpet tiles you see as you enter the building. The entire project should be completed by Winter recess.

Residence Halls Book Club

A Residence Hall Book Club has been initiated by Beth Kraemer, Assistant Professor in the Library. The group of students met last semester and selected the books they are going to read. The first book selected for discussion was *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. All Residence Hall students are invited to get join the club! For more information, call Beth Kraemer at 370-4879, or send a message to kraemer@oakland.edu.

KL Supports Diversity

Dana Keyse, Assistant Professor in the Library, has created a Web gateway to [Diversity Resources](#) in support of multicultural and diversity studies. The Page includes resources for academic research, as well as links to sites of social activism, and it includes such information as scholarships and financial aid, and career information. She presented "The Library's 'link' to Student Services: Gateway to Diversity Resources on the Web" as a poster session at the Association of American Colleges & Universities, St. Louis, MO, October 25, 2002.

New Online Resources

Science Direct

This new resource provides access to about 90 e-journals published by Elsevier to which the OU library subscribes. Online access is available for these titles beginning with 1999. You may also access the Academic Press titles formerly found through Academic IDEAL. Online access is available for these titles from 1993 to the present. Full text

Access is available for approximately 600 of the 1,100 titles in Science Direct; in addition, tables of contents and article abstracts are available for the remaining 1,100 titles.

RILM

RILM Abstracts of Music Literature, corresponding to the printed RILM Abstracts of Music Literature, will replace Music Index Online as the primary source for articles on music. The RILM Abstracts database contains over 200,000 items, dating from 1969. RILM records cover all aspects of music, including historical musicology, ethnomusicology, instruments and voice, dance, and music therapy. They also include various other fields as they relate to music, including literature, dramatic arts, visual arts, anthropology, sociology, philosophy and physics.

Philosophers Index (1940-)

This is the online equivalent to the print version in the library's reference section. "The Philosopher's Index provides indexing and abstracts from books and journals of philosophy and related fields. It covers the areas of ethics, aesthetics, social philosophy, political philosophy, epistemology, and metaphysic logic as well as material on the philosophy of law, religion, science, history, education, and language."

International Medieval Bibliography --Trial through 2/22/03

"The International Medieval Bibliography was founded in 1967 with the support of the Medieval Academy of America, with the aim of providing a comprehensive, current bibliography of articles in journals and miscellany volumes (conference proceedings, essay collections or Festschriften) worldwide. The IMB now comprises 300,000 articles, all of which are fully classified by date, subject and location, and provide full bibliographical records. Now online, the IMB offers an unparalleled tool for medievalists to identify the contents of current work published throughout Europe, the Americas and the Asia-Pacific region."

New Book Requests

Faculty are reminded to submit requests for new books to their departmental or academic unit [library liaison](#). Requests need to be in by **March 2003** in order for them to be ordered, received and paid for out of the 2002-2003 book allocation. Also, faculty and students may request new books for the library by filling out a [book request form](#) that is available through Voyager. Please note that the library generally does **NOT** purchase textbooks for classes.

The [new books list](#) of the titles added to the library each month is posted on the KL home page; the list is in call number order so researchers can quickly and easily scroll down to their subject area and review the new acquisitions.

Other News Items:

Basberg Gift.

Helen and Doug Basberg have established a bequest for the library. She is an OU graduate with a BGS degree.

Oakland University Journal

An author title [index](#) to the journal has been created by Linda Hildebrand.

Paper Presented

Frank Lepkowski presented his paper "Implementing Library Instruction for Freshman Composition on WebCT: the Oakland University Experience" at the World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and Higher Education: E-Learn 2002, in Montreal on October 19, 2002.

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